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E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: ELAB FI

SUBJ: STRIKE AFFECTS FINNISH FOREIGN TELECOMMUNICATIONS LINKS

REF: HELSINKI 1269 ( NOTAL)

1. A STRIKE BY CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH FEDERATION OF TECHNICAL EMPLOYEES ( STTK) WHICH HAS BEEN IN EFFECT FOR NEARLY A WEEK, HAS BEGUN TO AFFECT FINLAND' S FOREIGN TELECOMMUNICATIONS LINKS. AS OF THIS AFTERNOON TELEPHONE CALLS TO NEW YORK COULD ONLY BE MADE THROUGH STOCKHOLM AND ONLY AFTER CONSIDERABLE DELAY. IN ADDITION, ONLY PRIORITY CALLS ARE BEING ACCEPTED. LINES TO LONDON ARE COMPLETELY BLOCKED. TELEPHONE LINKS IN OTHER DIRECTIONS ARE SUBJECT TO FREQUENT DISTURBANCES. AS OF THIS AFTERNOON ALL EXTERNAL TELEX COMMUNICATIONS ARE REPORTEDLY HALTED.

2. THE STTK STRIKE HAS BEEN CALLED TO GAIN RECOGNITION OF THE  
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FEDERATION AS A PARTNER IN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS WITH THE FINNISH GOVERNMENT. ALTHOUGH THE BASIC DISPUTE IS NOT EXPECTED TO BE RESOLVED QUICKLY, THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS FEVERISHLY TRYING TO RESTORE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OF THE EFFECTS OF THE BLOCKAGE ON THE WORK OF THE DELEGATIONS TO THE CSCE PREPARATORY TALKS.  
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